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1. a. One train with the following cars left FRANKFURT/Oder (O 53/V 63) for BREST:

One passenger coach II class, occupied by officers wearing golden-black epaulets;
One passenger coach III class, occupied by EM wearing yellow cross-braids on their epaulets;
Four boxcars, occupied by 24 to 30-year-old EM wearing red-bordered black epaulets and black-bordered red epaulets. They had much baggage with them;
Fourteen gondola cars, carrying trucks

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- b. The train passed the following trains on its way to the east:

(1) About 10 miles before BREST:

A westbound train of 28 railroad cars carrying 28 heavy guns of an estimated 150 to 180 mm caliber**.

(2) About 6 miles before BREST:

A westbound train of 30 railroad cars carrying wheeled and caterpillar trucks**.

28 October 1949

2. A train carrying about 50 field howitzers of about 150 mm caliber left FRANKFURT/Oder, heading east. The howitzers were allegedly new***.

21 to 31 October 1949

3. The following Soviet rail shipments were observed in FRANKFURT/Oder:

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a. One railroad car with unidentified cargo, dispatched from KYRITZ (N 53/Z 19) to FRANKFURT/Oder via RUMMELSBURG (N 53/Z 94). Receiver: [REDACTED] FRANKFURT/Oder.

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b. One railroad car with unidentified cargo, dispatched from WEISSENFELS (N 52/J 99) to FRANKFURT/Oder via FALKENBERG (N 52/E 74). Receiver: [REDACTED]

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a. Shipment dispatched from KUMMERSDORF (N 53/Z 80) to JOELLROSE (N 53/V 42) via FRANKFURT/Oder. Receiver: Unit [REDACTED] JOELLROSE.

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b. One railroad car with unidentified cargo, dispatched from JUETERBOG (N 52/E 69) to FRANKFURT/Oder via RUMMELSBURG. Receiver: [REDACTED]

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27 October 1949

Train of 56 boxcars carrying armor plates (5 to 50 mm thick), axle steel (20 to 150 mm) and corner iron (10x10), running from BREST to WIEDERITZSCH (N 52/E 22) via COTTBUS (N 52/A 57) - FALKENBERG.

Night of 29 October 1949

Train carrying 56 guns of about 76.2-mm caliber, with 17 to 20-foot long barrels, dispatched from BREST to an unidentified destination in the Soviet Zone of Germany**.

Night of 30 October 1949

Train carrying 20 tank trucks which were unloaded in FRANKFURT/Oder.

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6 to 28 November 1949

4. The following Soviet rail shipments were seen in FRANKFURT/Oder:

6 November 1949

Train carrying 17 tanks, leaving the marshalling yard, heading west ØØ.

9 November 1949

Train carrying 28 rocket launchers, standing at the marshalling yard at midnight ØØ.

11 November 1949

Train of 36 boxcars, coming from FUERSTENWALDE (N 53/C 33), carrying rocket launchers and baggage, leaving the marshalling yard across the Oder River bridge toward Poland***.

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25 November 1949

Train of 35 flatcars carrying 35 heavy AT guns; standing at the railroad passenger station. The guns were observed for the first time; they were of about 100 mm caliber, had a 17 to 20-foot long barrel with muzzle brake, recoil brake and about 16-foot long split-trail gun carriage. The train had no locomotive Ø/

26 November 1949

Train carrying 26 guns of 122 mm caliber, standing at the passenger station, ready to pull out to the east***.

28 November 1949

Train (without engine), carrying 22 AT guns of 37 mm caliber, 28 guns of 76.2-mm caliber and 28 guns of 122 mm caliber, standing at the marshaling yard.

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Comment:

* a. Mail Shipments

Train carrying personnel going on furlough or to be discharged and assorted trucks (Mecz Div).

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** Definitely shipments of materiel going from the Soviet Union to the Soviet Zone of Germany. About 56 guns of 76.2 mm caliber, 28 guns of 150 to 180 mm caliber and about 30 trucks were seen.

*** Definitely shipments of materiel going from the Soviet Zone of Germany to the Soviet Union. About 50 field howitzers of 150 mm caliber, 18 rocket launchers and 26 guns of 122 mm caliber were seen.

Ø Presumably also shipments from the Soviet Union. AT guns as described (102 mm caliber) were previously observed with the ALTENBURG 38th AT Arty Brig (x).

ØØ Component units of the 7th Gds Mecz Div (Cadre) which returned from the LIEBEROSE training area.

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